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Winds of Change are Blowing

Have you ever wanted to help the environment but felt that the tools and resources were out of reach? Now you can throw all of your cares to the wind, literally, thanks to Wind Watts, a new wind energy program offered by College Station Utilities.

Seeking renewable sources of energy is part of College Station's new "green" initiative aimed at creating a sustained quality of life for local residents by bringing all environmental efforts together under one program. The ultimate goal of energy conservation is to reduce harmful carbon dioxide emissions and to conserve our resources for generations to come.

Wind energy has many environmental benefits. It produces no emissions, which means it doesn't contribute to smog, mercury contamination, water withdrawal, or particulate-related health effects. Also, unlike conventional fossil fuels, wind energy is inexhaustible and infinitely renewable.

College Station will purchase wind energy from the South Trent Mesa Wind Project located west of Abilene. Wind power will be delivered to utility customers through the same transmission and distribution system that other power is delivered, and it will not affect the reliability or quality of service customers currently receive.

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"We would like for customers to feel pride in participating in sustainable energy and the Green College Station initiative, without the very high up-front cost required for a customer to install residential solar panels."

DAVID MASSEY
Director of Electric Utilities

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The City is contracted with AEP Energy Partners for 10 megawatts of wind energy capacity, which is projected

to supply approximately 3,000 residential customers of College Station Utilities in 2009. In 2015 the city will increase the purchase of wind energy to 30 megawatts.

Although many local businesses have inquired about purchasing renewable energy, the City is currently only offering its wind energy supply to residential customers.

Wind Watts will become available in January of 2009, and residential customers will have the option to purchase wind power in 10%, 50%, and 100% increments.

Opting for wind energy has substantial and tangible benefits for anyone who wants to make a difference in reducing their carbon footprint. Our residents are demanding environmentally safe solutions, and this wind energy alternative attempts to meet that demand.

If you want to purchase Wind Watts or learn more about the program, go to www.cstx.gov/ucs. For other utility information, please call Utilities Customer Service at 979-764-3535.



Chosen by You. Powered by Nature.
College Station Utilities

For more information on the Wind Watts program, go to:

www.cstx.gov/ucs



College Station Receives Environmental Awards

Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency (BVSWMA) and the City of College Station Recycling were recently awarded by Keep Texas Beautiful, a community improvement and environmental organization. The groups were awarded for their participation in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Waste Reduction Educational Program. For more information on these and related programs, contact Sheila McQueen at 979-764-3806.

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Sign Up for Utility eBills! --



College Station Utilities now offers an easier and faster way to get your utility bill each month.

By sending out an email with bill information and links to online payments, eBills allows customers to receive and pay their bills faster than ever before.

The City also saves on printing and postage costs associated with generating the monthly bills, which supports the City's effort to provide environmentally-friendly services in conjunction with its *Green College Station* initiative.

To sign up for eBills or learn more about utility services, go to www.cstx.gov/ucs or call Utility Customer Service at 979-764-3535.

Citizen Police Academy ---

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be a Police Officer? College Station Police Department's Citizen Police Academy begins this fall!

Learn how our local police conduct traffic stops, building searches, S.W.A.T., hostage negotiations, narcotics and patrol procedures.

Classes will be on Tuesday evenings beginning September 9 from 6:30 - 9:30pm at the College Station Police Department. Graduation will be held on November 11.

If you have any questions or need an application, please call Officer Karla Wiesepape at 979-764-3573.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 4 & 18

College Station Planning & Zoning Meeting (7pm)
@ College Station City Hall

September 11 & 25

City Council Workshop (3pm)
& Regular Meeting (7pm)
@ College Station City Hall

September 1

"LABOR DAY"
City offices closed

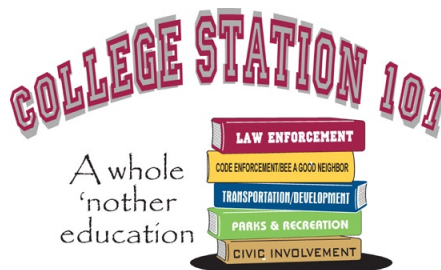
September 5

Girls' Softball and Adult Flag Football registration ends
For info, call 979-764-3486

College Station City Hall
1101 Texas Avenue

Watch City Council and Zoning meetings live on Channel 19, or go to www.cstx.gov/cstv19

College Station 101 -----



College Station 101 is a program intended to help off-campus students create positive living, working, and playing experiences while living in College Station.

Session 1

"I just got a ticket, now what?"
6:30pm, September 18
College Station Municipal Court

Session 2

"Define Loud"
6:30pm, October 2
Room 501 Rudder Tower

Session 3

"But I mowed last month. What's the big deal?"
6:30pm, October 16
Room 501 Rudder Tower

For more program information, go online to www.cstx.gov/cs101 or contact the Community Relations Manager at 979-764-3499.